



Informational Notes for First Responders and Officials

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FY'06 Grants To Be Based Upon "Risk and Need"

By Tom Mohr, Homeland Security Grant Manager

The FY2006 Department of Homeland Security (DHS) grant program will be developed along three lines, each state will get a "baseline" award, the federal government will assign a risk factor and states will develop a "need" factor as discussed below. This portion is competitive with the other states and territories.

To obtain FY2006 grant funding the State must conduct a Program and Capability Review. This review includes both Urban Area Security Initiatives (UASI) cities (Kansas City and St. Louis) and the entire state. This review is intended to help States align their homeland security programs with the National Goal, seven Capability-based National Priorities*, and eight priority target capabilities, and to ensure that their programs are effectively organized and managed in support of the Goal. Further, this review enables States to identify their current program and capability strengths and weaknesses across their entire homeland security program through a qualitative analytical process. Additionally, the State will be allowed to address three to five other Target Capabilities as part of the statewide grant application.

The State will have to develop an Enhancement Plan that consolidates the analysis, strengths, and weaknesses that are generated from the Program and Capability Review. The Enhancement Plan will help the State direct its homeland security activities toward a holistic, interagency, interdisciplinary approach for their homeland security program. Furthermore, the Enhancement Plan will assist the State in prioritizing initiatives they wish to implement using preparedness program funding. As such, the Enhancement Plan must be submitted with the FY 2006 Investment Justification for HSGP funding. The Investment Justification allows the State, and both UASI cities to address up to 15 Initiatives that support the Capability-Specific National Priorities and Priority Target Capabilities.

During the months of January and February the State and the UASI cities will conduct a series of meetings to address the Capability Review, Enhancement Plan development, and proceed with the Investment Justification. SEMA will then consolidate all the information and submit the information to DHS as part of the DHS online Grant Management System (GMS). The Enhancement Plan and Investment Justification have to be submitted by March 2, 2006. DHS will announce the awards by May 31, 2006. *The FY2006 grant program has added an eighth National Priority: National Review of Emergency Operations Plans and the Status of Catastrophic Planning.

Emergency Planning for Special Needs Populations Piloted in SW MO

By Dante Gliniecki, Statewide Volunteer Coordinator

The images arising from the Hurricane Katrina / Rita disaster operations that involved special needs populations were at times horrific. The Missouri Disaster Recovery Partnership created a Special Needs Population Taskforce that has successfully taken the first steps in establishing significant planning for special needs populations in disasters. The Taskforce led by the Department of Health and Senior Services and the Division of Vocational Rehabilitation involves many public and private partner agencies.

The first pilot presentation will be conducted at the Region D Area Coordinator Meeting 9 – 11 a.m., January 11, 2006, at the Happy House Restaurant, Monett. The presentation will feature the latest State Emergency Operations Plan Annex for Special Needs plus a summary of state level Standard Operating Guides. A local special needs population planning template will be shared along with the first public demonstration of one of the three CDs that will eventually comprise the Special Needs Populations Planning Toolkit. This crucial presentation will help participants learn about the planning framework that local jurisdictions need to begin preparedness activities in this vital function.

This first pilot presentation is intended for participants in Southwest Missouri. To check on availability please email or call SEMA Area Coordinator Candy Adams (cadams@mail.mo.gov 417-895-6336).

Homeland Security Response Teams (HSRT) Elect Sub-Committee

By Debbie Cheshire, Homeland Security Exercise Program

Representatives from the 26 of the 28 Missouri Homeland Security Response Teams attended a Steering Committee meeting at the State Emergency Operations Center. A sub-committee was named to establish a Standard Operating Guide for the Homeland Security Response System. Following are the members of the sub-committee that were selected by their region or UASI: (A) Karen Eagleson, Emergency Mgt. Director, Johnson County HSRT, (A-1) John Spencer, Asst. Chief, Lee's Summit HSRT, (B) Don Crosby, EMS, Kirksville/Hannibal HSRT, (C) Greg Brown, Fire Chief, St. Louis County HSRT, (C-1) Bob Young, Emergency Mgt. Director, St. Louis County HSRT, (D) Mitch Randles, Deputy Fire Chief, Joplin HSRT, (E) Jackson Bostic, Ozark Regional HSRT, (F) Susan Green, Emergency Management Director, Cole County HSRT, (G) Roy Sims, Asst. Fire Chief, West Plains HSRT, (H) Brian Carter, Operations Chief, Region H HSRT, and (I) Bryan Lewis, WMD Coordinator, Rolla HSRT

AJ Lehmen, SEMA State Exercise Officer, briefed the teams on upcoming exercises: Rolla Regional Exercise in early 2006, a Busch Stadium Exercise in the summer 2006, and the Spills of National Significance (SONS) Earthquake Exercise scheduled for 2007.

Biannual Homeland Security Grant Reporting Readiness

By Debbie Rathert, SEMA Homeland Security Grant Staff

SEMA grant staff are preparing for the Biannual Reporting periods. **As such, our electronic system will be closed effective December 12, 2005 through January 13, 2006.** If you are in dire need of expenses being processed after December 12, 2005 but before the end of the year, work closely with your grant manager. She/he will do their best to assist you. However, there may be limitations to their ability to process the paperwork.

CEDAP Grant Deadline is January 13, 2006

By Tom Mohr, SEMA HS Program Manager

Smaller law enforcement and emergency responder agency working to support a regional response can apply for the Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP) **through January 13, 2006.** To apply, go to the SEMA Website to access detailed grant information and access the RKB. Read the CEDAP Briefing Book before you sign into the RKB. Sign into the RKB as a guest, go to "Search the RKB", highlight "Major Programs" and select "Homeland Security Commercial Equipment Direct Assistance Program (CEDAP)" this will take you to the CEDAP application.

Crisis Communications Conference Set for Feb 9-10

SEMA will host the Crisis Communications Conference Feb. 10-11, 2006 at Osage Beach. This year's conference will focus on Auxiliary Communications Service, Update on State Interoperability, 9-1-1 TERT/9-1-1 Addressing, 2 AM Tornado – Evansville Event, MEPN – Six Meter Packet, Regionalization and Communication Interoperability. There is no conference fee! SEMA is also offering a four hour credited course for telecommunicators/dispatchers on "IS-700 NIMS for Telecommunicators," from 8

AM – 12:00 noon and from 1:00 – 5:00 PM on Friday, February 11. There is no cost for this credited course. Here is the link for more information: <http://sema.dps.mo.gov/CrisisCommConf2006.htm>

MoDOT's Express Lane Newsletter

This week's issue contains information including the Taum Sauk response, winter weather, a website for highway construction for truckers, and information on the traffic flow program. Here is the link to MoDOT's electronic newsletter: <http://www.modot.mo.gov/ExpressLane/index.htm>

Fire Departments Receive Firefighter Grants

Compiled from OPD Firefighter Grant Page

These Missouri Fire Departments received Firefighter Assistance grants in Rounds 15-17:

Operations and Safety Grants were awarded to: Augusta VFD (\$156,718), Cabool FD (\$18,573), Centerville R-1 VFD (\$39,914), Wellington-Napoleon FPD (\$37,345), Nebo-Falcon VFD (\$118,915), Oxley FFD (\$33,184), Pilot Knob-Ironton FPD (\$89,832), Polk Township FPD in Maryville (\$72,846), SniValley FD in Oak Grove (\$137,669), Wright City FPD (\$256,058), Buffalo Township FPD in Louisiana (\$52,606), and Bonne Terre FD (\$74,419), West Peculiar FPD (\$85,211).

International Group Reviews Missouri Division of Fire Safety Accreditation

The International Fire Service Accreditation Congress (IFSAC) praised the Missouri Division of Fire Safety's international accreditation program after a formal review of the division's fire service testing and certification programs was conducted last week in Jefferson City.

State Fire Marshal Randy Cole said the accreditation and certification process is vitally important to assure consistent training and testing of firefighters and emergency responders who protect Missourians. "Being internationally accredited ensures the first responder the certification they receive in Missouri will be recognized in other states and countries," Cole said. "At the same time the review process ensures the Division of Fire Safety is operating a fair, credible, and valid training and certification program."

The Division of Fire Safety's certification process must be re-evaluated by an IFSAC appointed team every five years in order to keep the international accreditation status. Since initial accreditation in 1996, the Missouri Division of Fire Safety has issued over 42,000 certifications to over 19,000 fire fighters and emergency first responders. There are an estimated 25,000 firefighters in the State of Missouri, 80 percent of whom volunteer their service.

The Division of Fire Safety is internationally accredited for the certification levels of Hazardous Materials: Awareness and Operations, Fire Fighter I and II, Fire Service Instructor I, Fire Officer I, Fire Inspector I, and Fire Investigator. In addition to having these levels reviewed for re-accreditation, the team reviewed the levels of Fire Service Instructor II and Fire Officer II for initial accreditation.

Upcoming SEMA Area Coordinator Meetings

Area A:	10 a.m., February 23, 2006	City Hall, Raymore
Area D:	9 a.m., January 11, 2006	Happy House Restaurant, Monett

DNR's Taum Sauk Disaster Information Updates

For the most current information on the Taum Sauk Dam recovery efforts, you can access Department of Natural Resources' news releases and the orders as they become public. The link is: <http://www.dnr.mo.gov/disaster.htm>

DHS Information Bulletin on Terrorists Surveillance Techniques Shared

Thanks to Paul Fennewald, Missouri Homeland Security Coordinator

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